CLAIMS

Listings of claims:

1.   (Currently Amended)   A parking meter, comprising:

a processor to process parking related information;

a clock in communication with the processor;

an antenna coupled to the parking meter for receiving a wireless broadcast data **including a time-of-day data based on an atomic clock; and**

a receiver communicating with the antenna to demodulate the wireless broadcast data received by the antenna, **the processor operable to synchronize the clock based on the time-of-day data.; and**

~~an interface communicating with the receiver to communicate the wireless broadcast data.~~

2.   (Original)   The parking meter of Claim 1, wherein the antenna is further defined as a ferrite antenna.

3.   (Original)   The parking meter of Claim 1, wherein the parking meter is further provided with a printed circuit board coupled to the parking meter and wherein the antenna is further defined as a trace on the printed circuit board.

4 – 6.   (Cancelled)

7.   (Currently Amended)   A method of synchronizing a clock on a parking meter, comprising:

intermittently initiating, by a processor of the parking meter, synchronization of the clock;

receiving a wirelessly broadcast data that includes a time-of-day data; and

updating the clock on the parking meter based on the wirelessly broadcast data.

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8.   (Original)   The method of Claim 7, wherein the time-of-day data is based on an atomic clock.

9.   (Original)   The method of Claim 7, wherein the time-of-day data is based on a time reference generated by a television signal.

10.   (Original)   The method of Claim 7, wherein the wirelessly broadcast data is further defined as a wireless internet connection and wherein the time-of-day data is further defined as a time reference based on a standard time measurement device.

11.   (Original)   The method of Claim 10, wherein the standard time measurement device is an atomic clock.

12.   (Currently Amended)   A method of synchronizing time circuits on a plurality of parking meters, comprising:

> broadcasting, **from a non-handheld transmitter,** a time signal including a time-of-day data;

> **unilaterally initiating on an intermittent basis, by a processor of one of the plurality of parking meters, synchronization of a clock on the one of the plurality of parking meters;**

> receiving the time signal by a **at least one of the** plurality of parking meters; and

> synchronizing a **the** clock on at least one of the plurality of parking meters based on the time signal.

13.   (Original)   The method of Claim 12, wherein the time-of-day data is based on an atomic clock.

14.   (Original)   The method of Claim 12, wherein the time-of-day data is based on a time reference generated by a television signal.

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15. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the method further includes establishing a wireless internet connection.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 15, wherein the time-of-day data is based on an atomic clock.

17. (Currently Amended) A parking meter, comprising:

a housing;

a payment slot coupled to the housing to receive payment for parking;

a processor in communication with the payment slot;

a display communicating with the processor to display a parking information based on payment received via the payment slot;

a clock communicating with the processor, the clock to maintain a time information for use by the parking meter, **the processor programmed to unilaterally initiate on an intermittent basis synchronization of the clock;**

an antenna to receive **an AM signal of** a wireless broadcast time data **including data based on an atomic clock; and**

a receiver to demodulate the wireless broadcast time data~ **in response to the processor initiating synchronization of the clock.** ~; and~

~an interface coupled to communicate the wireless broadcast time data to the clock.~

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Original) The parking meter of Claim 18, wherein the clock is a real-time clock.

20 – 24. (Cancelled)

25. (Original) The parking meter of Claim 17, wherein the payment receiving slot is further defined as card reader to receive a smart card.

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26.   (Original)   The parking meter of Claim 17, wherein the payment receiving slot is further defined as card reader to receive a credit card.

27.   (Original)   The parking meter of Claim 17, wherein payment slot is further defined as a coin chute for receiving coins and wherein the parking meter further includes a coin box coupled to the coin chute.

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